

SENATE
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021
2:30 PM - CORDELL HULL BUILDING
SENATE HEARING ROOM I

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

KELSEY (R) CHAIRMAN	BELL (R)	HENSLEY (R)
LUNDBERG (R) 1ST VICE CHAIRMAN	CROWE (R)	POWERS (R)
AKBARI (D) 2ND VICE CHAIRMAN	HAILE (R)	WHITE (R)

AGENDA

1. [SB 0009](#) *Yager, Bell, White, Haile, Yarbro (HB 0542 by *Powers, Calfee)
Education, Higher- As introduced, increases from \$1,000 to \$1,250 the amount awarded each semester to a full-time student receiving the middle college scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

2. [SB 0124](#) *Haile (HB 0475 by *White)
Child Abuse- As introduced, permits school child abuse coordinators, school teachers, school officials, and other school personnel to provide information relevant to suspected child abuse or child sexual abuse to the child's parents when required by federal law or regulation. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 16.

3. [SB 0228](#) *Hensley (HB 0003 by *Cepicky, Griffey, Gant, Weaver, Moody, Haston, Lamberth, Rudd, Smith, Ragan, Zachary, Doggett, Eldridge, Sexton J, Reedy, Howell, Williams, Casada, Todd, Calfee, Bricken, Moon, Crawford, Hulsey, Darby, Hicks T, Garrett, Helton, Lynn, Hawk, Travis, White, Russell)
Local Education Agencies- As introduced, requires that a student's gender for purposes of participation in a public middle school or high school interscholastic athletic activity or event be determined by the student's sex at the time of the student's birth, as indicated on the student's original birth certificate. - Amends TCA Title 49.

4. [SB 0229](#) *Hensley (HB 0006 by *Cepicky, Dixie)

Tennessee Higher Education Commission- As introduced, requires the commission to establish a four-year pilot program to award completion grants to Tennessee Promise scholarship students who have an immediate financial need or who are experiencing a financial hardship that may prevent the student from completing a postsecondary degree or credential. - Amends TCA Title 49.

5. [SB 0230](#) *Hensley, White (HB 0016 by *Cepicky, Griffey, Doggett, Warner, Helton, Cochran, Eldridge, Moon, Calfee, Rudd, Hall, Jernigan, Weaver, Hulsey, Carr, Rudder, Littleton, Moody, Smith, Kumar, Curcio, Sexton J, Ragan, Haston, Reedy, Howell, Gant, Williams, Casada, Garrett, Crawford, Darby, Hicks T, Todd, Hawk, Lynn, Bricken, Travis, Russell, Gillespie, White)

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel- As introduced, enacts the "Teacher's Discipline Act"; establishes a process for a teacher to request the removal of a student from the teacher's classroom if the student's behavior violates the LEA's or school's student discipline policy or code of conduct and repeatedly or substantially disrupts the class. - Amends TCA Title 49.

6. [SB 0233](#) *Hensley (HB 0023 by *Darby, Cepicky)

Education, Dept. of- As introduced, requires the department to survey all LEAs, public charter schools, and state special schools to determine whether there is a sufficient number of licensed speech-language pathologists in the public schools of this state to meet student needs and report the results of the survey to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by January 15, 2022. - Amends TCA Title 49; Title 56 and Title 63.

7. [SB 0235](#) *Hensley (HB 0005 by *Warner, Cepicky)

Education- As introduced, requires that the instruction provided to a student who is identified for intervention through the response to instruction and intervention (RTI²) framework be determined by the student's local education agency based on the individual student's needs. - Amends TCA Title 49.

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